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Applicant: Hiroyasu KOIZUMI et al.

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THE HEAT EXCHANGER CORE

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REPLY

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed on May 22, 2001, Applicants request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in light of the following remarks:

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed on May 22, 2001 has been received and its contents have been carefully reviewed. Currently, claims 11-12 and 18-20 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-2, 4-10, 13-17 and 21 are pending for further consideration on the merits, and Applicants believe that the following remarks establish that the claims are in proper condition for allowance.

The Office Action has rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 13, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Ikagawa (JP 4-244596), or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious based on Ikagawa. Claims 5-8, 10, and 16-17 are rejected under section

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